

FOOTHILL BANDITS

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The Foothill Bandits, a Little League Minor softball team from Palo Cedro, California was full of surprises this year for their coaches, parents and every team that they played, going 15-0 on their season and winning Tournament of Champions for California District 1.

Eight out of thirteen girls from this team had never played softball before, and three of the eight had never played any kind of organized ball, before stepping on to the field back in February. All of these girls worked hard to earn every win that they got, beating teams from not only their own league but two other leagues they inter-league with.

"These girls were so much fun to work with and amazing just to watch play with some fantastic pitching, fielding, hitting and base running," said Stacy Loucks, the manager of the Bandits. He will miss working with the younger girls as he moves up to work with the majors division next season, leaving the Bandits with a 40-4-1 record over the last three years.



Pictured: L-R Rear: Coach Jim Havens, Coach Karl Hankins, Manager Stacy Loucks; Second Row: Katie Nelson, Jillian Carlton, Carley Martin, Kylah Jostock, Cassie Cornelius, Karlee Loucks; Front Row: Bailey Jostock, Ellyse Henderson, Vanessa Caetano, Kacey Mcgee, Abby Garrett, Kellye Hankins, Marissa Havens